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SUBJECT: P. T. UNITED COCONUT-INDONESIA

PASS TO A. BARAMULI S. H., PRESIDENT, POLEKO GROUP

1. THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN RECENT COMM-UNTICATIONS FROM J. JORDAN TO HIS NEW YORK ATTORNEY REGARDING OPIC'S POSITION AS TO THE SALE OF UNITED U.S. 'S SHARES OF P.T. UNITED COCONUT TO POLECO. LOIC'S POSITION AS OUTLINED BY NIELSON AT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 24, 1974 IN JAKARTA AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED BY HIM WITH YOU AND MR. NAAFII HAS NOT CHANGES AND IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. OPIC WILL CONSENT TO THE SALE OF UNITED U.S. 'S SHARES TO POLECO COMPANY AT THE AGREED PRICES SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

(A) ASSUMPTION BY ARNOLD BARAMULI AND POLECO COMPANY OF THE OBLIGATION OF UNITED U.S. UNDER THE PROJECTION COMPLETION AGREEMENT DATED AS OF OCTOBER 25, 1972. UNCLASSIFIED

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(B) ESTABLISHMENT BY UNITED U.S. OF AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH AN

ESCROW AGENT IN INDONESIA, SATISFACTORY TO OPIC, OF DOLLARS 100,000 FOR THE PREPAYMENT OF DESICCATED COCONUTS, SAID FUNDS TO BE WITHDRAWN BYNL.T. UNITED UPON THE PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS. JORDAN IS NOW WILLING TO ESTABLISH THIS ESCROW FROM PARTIAL STOCK SALES PROCEEDS.

(C) SATISFACTORY AMENDMENT TO THE MARKETING AGREEMENT BETWEEN P.T. UNITED COCONUT AND UNITED U.S.
(D) TERMINATION AS OF MAY 24, JQOUR OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. THE DATE OF MAY 24 WAS SELECTED AS THE DATE TO SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS IN JAKARTA. SINCE THE SIGNING WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED ON THAT DATE. OPIC HAS CONSENTED TO ITS

TERMINATION AS OF JUNE 30, 1974.

- 3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE REPRESENTATIONS BY J. JORDAN ARE NOT ALWAYS CORRECT AND THEREFORE ARE RESTATING OUR POSITION. 4. OPIC HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH HERITIER AS TO HIS NEGOTIATION OF THE PROPOSED COMMISSION TO BE RECEIVED BY UNITED U.S., NAMELY 10 PER CENT OF THE FINAL U.S. SALES PRICE AND 2 CENTS PER POUNDS, PLUS 5 PER CENT OF NON-U.S SALES, TOGETHER WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION AS TO A FIRM RENEG-OTIATION RIGHT AFTER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AS STATED TO YOU IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, OPIC HAS NO PROBLEM WITH RESPECT TO A TWO YEAR RENEGOTIATION WITH THE PROVISO THAT IF THE PARTIES FAIL TO REACH AN AGREEMENT THE MATTER WILL BE SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION. YOUR POSITION THAT THE CURRENT PRO-DUCTION OF 200,000 POUNDS WOULD BE SOLD TO UNITED U.S. AT THE CURRENT NEW YORK PRICES, UPON THE PRESENTATION OF LETTERS OF CREDIT BY UNITED U.S. IS JUSTIFIABLE. YOU ADVISED P.T. UNITED COCONUT HAS NO BUYERS AT PRESENT FOR THE ON HAND PRODUCTION. IT IS ADVISABLE THAT THE GOODS BE MOVED WHILE IN AN ACCEPT-ABLE CONDITION. THEREFORE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AN AGREEMENT TO CONCLUDED AS TO PRODUCTION ON HAND EVEN THOUGH TOTAL AM-ENDATORY MARKETING AGREEMENT CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED AT THIS TIME.
- 5. JORDAN'S ATTORNEY REPRESENTED JULY 16 THAT JORDAN WILLING TO PRESENT LETTERS OF CREDIT ON EXISTING 200,000 POUNDS ON CONDITION THAT DOLLARS 33,000 BE PAID TO UNITED U.S. ASSUME THIS AMOUNT RELATED TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30. OPIC REJECTED THIS FIGURE AND ADVISED THAT DISCUSSIONS BE HELD WITH YOU AS TO THE PAYMENT OF DOLLARS 15,343, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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AMOUNT JORDAN CLAIMS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH MAY 1974 AS LISTED IN MAY 24, 1974, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. THIS WAS A COMPROMISE TO MOVE THE GOODS. PLEASE ADVISE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENT MEETINGS WITH JORDAN.

6. OPIC DOCUMENTS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU AND PICA. KISSINGER

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